

## THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, NOV. 24, 1904

### HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

C. H. Brown, near Burke, has leased the Nat Wilcox farm and will pay \$900 per year.

Miss Mary Abbey, the little daughter of Mr. J. A. Abbey, has been very ill with appendicitis.

The Mexico foot ball team went up to Centralia Monday and met the team of that town in a contest and Mexico was defeated 16 to 0.

Benj. Feunewald of near Martinsburg a few days ago marketed of his own raising and feeding 76 head of 253 pound hogs that topped the St. Louis market at \$4.80.

There was a disastrous wreck on the Wabash near Brunswick last Monday. Two freights ran together. Brakeman Ernest Ragsdale, a brother of Frank Ragsdale of Mexico, was fatally injured, dying the following day. He was a single man, 26 years of age.

R. L. Mundy headed a number of Mexico people for Angelo, Texas, this week. They expect to invest in land near that place and to locate there. Those composing the party were: Fred Brand, Thomas Bruce, C. W. Johnson, J. D. Allison and Arthur and Walter Hamilton.

W. C. Johnson is the foreman of the bricklayers putting up the brick plant building in southeast Mexico. The structure will be one of the most substantial in the State. Mr. Johnson owns a fine farm near Bowling Green, Pike County, and he alternates between farming and bricklaying thru the seasons.

Ralph Dean, southwest of Mexico, who owns the J. Hord Davis farm, lost his fine barn by fire last Friday night. Not known how it caught. The family had been at church and the structure burned after they had returned and had retired. The blaze discovered in time to save live stock. Two two-horse wagons, harness and a quantity of corn and oats also burned.

The ladies of Laddonia M. E. church feel thankful to the citizens of Elm Bend neighborhood for their liberality and assistance in the box supper given at their school house on last Saturday night. They also thank Mr. J. S. Quisenberry very kindly for his assistance in selling the boxes. None could have done better. The amount received was \$33.85. One crowd of about two dozen was chartered from Laddonia by Mr. and Mrs. George Barton and another load was driven out by Mr. Justian Rose.

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### Passing Remarks

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## NEGRESS SHOT.

Thomas Spurr then Gets His Head Mashed.

Last Monday night, a little after midnight, excitement broke out among the negroes in southeast part of the city. Thomas Spurr, a negro, according to testimony before the coronor's jury, with a shotgun in his hands, met Janie Burks, John and Josh Burks, and Fred Brown, all colored, returning from a dance up town and Spurr demanded that the Burks woman should return to him his "craps". The woman replied that by G— she would do so when Spurr paid her \$1.50 which she claimed he owed her. Spurr, it is said, then leveled his gun at her and fired. The woman threw up her arm and her wrist was nearly torn away, the charge of shot entering her forehead. She fell unconscious—if it had been a white person she would most likely have fallen dead at the moment.

The woman's companions then chased Spurr and threw him to the ground and beat his head into a pulp with a large rock. Spurr was found by the officers in a dying condition.

County Coroner Dr. J. T. Bassett held an inquest over the body of Spurr with the following jury: W. J. Botts, T. A. McIntire, Edgar Threlkeld, D. P. Moore, B. A. Thornburgh and F. P. Carter.

They returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that the body which now lies before us is the body of Tom Spurr, that he came to his death from the effects of blows upon his head with a rock in the hands of Josh Burks, and that John Burks, Sam Burks and George Bright are accessories to the killing."

Janie Burks has a "hard" record, it is said. She is known in the police court.

### The "Siamese Twins."

We find on exhibition in Dr. J. B. Hawkins' office an anatomical curiosity, a fac simile or counterpart of the Siamese Twins, two pigs, out of a litter of six, the two four alive and healthy. These twins are well developed in every way, with the strange phenomena of being tied together with a fleshy bond or cord extending from the navel or umbilical cord to the upper end of the sternum or breastbone.

By the way, a little account of the Siamese Twins in this connection might be of interest to your readers. Eng and Chang, born of Chinese parents in Siam in 1811. Having their bodies united by a bond of flesh (like the above pigs) stretching from the end of one breastbone to the same place in the opposite twin. Their survival to advanced life makes them the most remarkable case on record. They were purchased by their mother at Meklang, a city of Siam, and brought to America by Capt. Coffin and Hunter, in 1829. On examination it seems that the bond united them face to face (like our pigs) but constant traction had so changed its direction that they stood partially side by side. After touring many parts of the world and gaining a competency from the exhibit they settled in North Carolina and married sisters. Died 1874, the one surviving the other only a few hours.

CONTRIBUTED.

### Obituary.

This community was terribly shocked last Friday morning when the sad news of the death of Miss Sallie Henderson flashed over the 'phone wires. She was a bright, sweet girl. To know her was to love her.

Last Tuesday morning she was taken sick, and as the hours passed on Miss Sallie grew worse. Medical aid was called, but alas, too late. That disease peritonitis had claimed its victim, and Miss Sallie must go to meet her God.

Sallie was a member of the Presbyterian church, was converted about 8 years ago. She was

about 26 years of age.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Henderson, who has seen his wife and four children laid to rest in the Bethel church yard. May he humbly bow in submission to our Father in Heaven and say, "Thy will be done." Sleep on, dear Sallie, take thy rest; God called thee home, he thought it best. Well have we loved you, But God loved you more; He hath called thee to that bright, shining shore.

A FRIEND.

Molino, Mo., Nov. 21, '04.

### BENTON CITY.

Mrs. Maupin of Shamrock is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton.

Shelt Douglass went to the Fair Monday.

Meadams Dowell and Hamilton left Tuesday to attend the Fair.

Services will be held at the Christian church Thanksgiving day. The ladies will also serve dinner and supper at the church. Rev. Travis filled Rev. Carr's appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Estil Myers of Mexico was here Monday.

Miss May Allen of Mexico visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Jones and Miss Beulah Wright were shopping in Mexico Friday.

Joe Jones has erected a new barn in the west end of town.

### LADDONIA.

Chas. Schroll is visiting his home south of Mexico.

A. J. Baker of Quincy, Ill., is around shaking hands with old acquaintances here.

August Ahlfeldt, wife and sons, formerly of Laddonia but now of Boeler, Kan., visited friends here last week.

Mrs. A. S. Faulkner of Wellsville visited in Laddonia last week.

Mrs. A. B. Lemon of Vandalia visited Miss A. M. Logan last week.

Henry Sutman, a Missouri boy

but now of Pennsylvania, stopped off a few days to see old friends here.

Misses Mary and Fanny McClintic of Westminster College are home.

Miss Maude Azdell will clerk at the Racket during the holiday season.

J. D. Barton and A. B. Young are in Oklahoma to witness the drawing of the Frisco town lots.

Calvert Beale visited his parents here Monday.

Mr. Archie Alexander and Miss Maude Elzea were married at the bride's home Tuesday at high noon by Rev. H. B. Rice. The wedding was a very quiet affair. In the afternoon the parties left for the St. Louis Fair.

J. C. DeLaporte will entertain a large number of his relatives Thanksgiving. It will be a reunion of the family, and will probably hereafter be an annual affair.

Among others, the following are at the World's Fair this week: Mrs. E. C. Kennen, Miss Mabel Smith, Mrs. Chris Marburg and Miss Sylvia Stevens.

### BEAN CREEK.

All the active members of the church along with some who are not members at all met at the church Saturday morning for the purpose of cleaning up the house, placing the stove, arranging the lamps, etc. Right neatly was the work accomplished. Especial mention is due Josie Martien and Callie Willingham for the artistic trimming of the pulpit, which is a handsome resting place for the beautiful Bible presented the church by Mrs. Lizzie McGee of Paris, Mo.

Rev. R. E. McQuie began a series of meetings with his church at Spencersburg, Pike county, Sunday night. He has the assistance of Rev. Witham, missionary of Salt River Association.

Rev. Emmett Cole of New Florence, Mo., accompanied Pastor meque to this field and favored us with two excellent sermons. He presents the truth with love, yet with great boldness and power. Bro. Cole is a young preacher, not

yet located as pastor. At the morning service two united with us by letter and the band of church fellowship was given Mrs. Cora Willingham, Callie and Alpha Willingham, a matter which had been deferred from previous meetings.

Don't forget the oyster supper at R. T. Byars' Thursday. Ample provision has been made and the committee will take great pleasure in administering to your wants.

Charles Martien sold that elegant span of mules for \$300.

The Bybee & Beam sale was well attended and stuff brought good prices—Horses \$50 to \$78; mules \$135 to \$235 per span; 1 pen of hogs \$3.00, another \$4.50 per head; sow and 8 pigs \$15.50; Chester white Boar \$8.50; yearling heifer \$13.25; registered Shorthorn bull, sired by Victoria Baron, \$36.50 to Mr. Bogarth; 1 steer \$30.00; 20 yearling steers, \$15 per head; 19 two-year-olds at \$27.25 per head; 9 calves \$15.45; 250 sheep sold at \$5.00 to \$6.65; 6 bucks sold at \$5 to \$7 per head.

W. A. Clemens of Salisbury is spending a few days with Tom and Henry Stuart, and looking after his beautiful farm.

Miss Etta Williamson of Iowa is spending some time with her uncle James Duncan.

Mrs. Martin Kunkle of Mexico, visiting her son, Thomas, attended service at Gilead both morning and evening.

### Watson Rings in New Light.

A new development in connection with the rings of the late Mrs. Watson with whose murder her husband, Dr. Jones Watson, is charged, has just been revealed at New London at which place the doctor is now confined in jail awaiting trial.

Shortly after the arrest of the doctor it was charged that preceding the drive on the fatal afternoon on which Mrs. Watson was killed Dr. Watson took his wife's rings and placed them in a safety deposit box in one of the New London banks. Following the burial of Mrs. Watson it was further alleged at the time that when the doctor took his trip to St.

Louis where he met Miss Ada M. Burks, the Denver milliner, and spent several days with her at the World's Fair, he took the rings from the bank and carried them to St. Louis with him.

About the time the disposition of the rings were being aired Dr. W. T. Waters, a brother-in-law of Dr. Watson, disappeared from New London, and after an absence of a week or ten days, returned almost as mysteriously as he had left. Simultaneous with the return of Waters, the rings, the whereabouts of which had been unknown to the people in general, appeared on the hands of the accused doctor, that is, after the former had seen him.

The prosecution claimed at the time that they had knowledge of Dr. Waters going to Canada where he met the Burks woman and will now make an effort to prove that he procured the rings from her, she having been frequently seen with them on prior to the arrival of Dr. Waters. The present whereabouts of the Burks woman is now said to be unknown to the prosecution as detectives who were shadowing her, are said to have lost her in Canada.

Much importance in the ring story is attached to the prosecution as thru it in connection with many other incidents an effort will be made to establish an infatuation Dr. Watson had for the milliner.—Hannibal Courier-Post.

The above is a blast of hot air. The night of the tragedy the rings were removed from Mrs. Watson's fingers by Dr. J. W. Hendrix and J. L. Smith and handed to Miss Margaret Watson, who afterwards deposited them in the Bank of New London, where they are at this time. The collection of rings consists of diamonds and sapphires—the latter being Mrs. Watson's birthstone. Dr. Waters tells us he never saw Miss Burks in his life.—Rolls Co. Record.

Some nice lots in east end town for sale. W. ARTHUR SHARP.

### Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonough and family sincerely thank their friends and neighbors and all others who so promptly came to their

assistance during and after the burning of their home. Especially do we thank the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees, who did so much, also the insurance company represented by Mr. J. D. Tucker who settled claim promptly. Robert McDonough and Family.

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